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- Emergency measures for taxis, increasing parking spaces on Tuesday agenda
- Councillors getting daily updates on what's happening with strike from Metro Transit



► Bus driver Brenda MacDonald, centre, and her daughter, Nicole Shields, left, tend to a fire outside the Ragged Lake Transit Centre on Sunday afternoon.

## Grits want NDP to intervene

Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil is calling on the premier's office to offer whatever resources or support it can to bring Metro Transit and the Amalgamated Transit Union back to the table.

McNeil could not point to specific measures he thinks Premier Darrell Dexter should take, but said the premier should be contracting both sides and urging them to resume negotiations.

"While the strike itself and the union may be a municipal union, this is having an impact on and will have an impact on the provincial economy," McNeil said on Sunday.

"They obviously have arbitrators, conciliators through the Department of Labour, there's resources there. They can offer whatever is required to get them back to the table so we can find a negotiated settlement."

Talks between Metro Transit and the ATU Local 508 broke down early Thursday morning — after a provincial conciliator was unable to broker a deal between the two sides.

Dexter said on Thursday he won't be wading into municipal waters.

"I'm not going to wander into the labour situation in the city. I think that's up to them," Dexter told reporters then.

"I'd like to see them try and resolve it as quickly as possible. These things are very difficult. They're difficult on the people who work there, they're certainly difficult on ... the people who are on the buses." ● ALEX BOUTILLIER



► Stephen McNeil

# Council seeking ways to relieve transit pain



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Halifax regional council's regular Tuesday meeting is back on, and councillors will be examining ideas on easing the strain of the transit strike.

This week's meeting was originally cancelled because of a light agenda. Council held a special, secret meeting on Thursday to discuss transit negotiations, then on Friday a group of councillors requested the Tuesday meeting be held, especially in light of the strike.

"I think it's important for council to have meetings whether it's a transit strike or not," said Coun. Sue Uteck on Sunday. "If you look at the status

sheets of each of the community councils, those status sheets are going, so there's a logjam somewhere in HRM."

As of Sunday, the agenda for Tuesday's meeting has not been accepted nor posted publicly. Uteck said council will consider opening up taxi zones for more

availability and open HRM's park-and-rides to the public, free of charge.

Coun. Peter Lund said he expects the exchange of ideas and options to occur in the public meeting since it's not directly tied to the negotiations, which are discussed privately.

"Commuters are asking

for relief," Lund said. "Sounds like we're in for the long haul, so we have to come up with some interim measures."

Ken Wilson, president of Amalgamated Transit Union Local 508, said those are good ideas but that "it boggles my mind that Halifax regional council still doesn't understand people can't afford taxis and people can't walk those distances," he said.

Uteck has started her own initiative to help out: she posted on Facebook on the weekend that she is willing to give up some driveway space for people who are having trouble finding a parking spot.

"I'm doing a little campaign on the peninsula: Got a driveway, need a driveway?"

## Pass holders to get refunds

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Refunds for monthly pass holders will be coming, but only after the strike is over.

"They will be refunded

but we don't know how much we have to refund until we see how long the strike goes," said Shaune MacKinlay, HRM spokeswoman. "So the decision on how we deal with refunds will be made once the strike is over."

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# Epstein not throwing hat in mayoral ring

► Halifax Chebucto MLA says he's focusing instead on encouraging progressive council candidates



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Howard Epstein won't be running for mayor of HRM.

But that doesn't mean he doesn't have opinions on those who have announced their candidacy — or soon will be.

"(Mike) Savage is an interesting candidate. He's a very unknown quantity at the municipal level so far," Epstein said on Sunday.

"I know people have respect for him and think that he's a nice guy. But I've never heard him say a single word (on) any municipal issue ever."

Epstein said he's hoping for good things from Savage, who is expected to announce his candidacy for mayor at Alderney Landing on Monday at 12:15 p.m.

"Until we have a good



► Mike Savage

close look at him, the most you can say is that he won't be Peter Kelly.

On the other hand, he might turn out to be."

Epstein ended months of speculation on Friday, when he announced he will not be seeking Kelly's job in the election this October.

Epstein, an NDP backbencher, would have to resign his seat to run in the election. He said that after much deliberation, he felt continuing on as a provincial representative was the right thing to do.

He said the decision had nothing to do with the

**"There seems to be a real appetite for change, so far as I can tell, among the general public."**

HOWARD EPSTEIN

number of people already in the race for mayor — or his chances.

"I have a serious job as an MLA. I'm going to keep focusing on that," he said.

Epstein, a former municipal councillor, will also be encouraging about "half a dozen" potential candidates for council seats.

"I decided the best way to advance my interests (at city hall) was to look for good candidates to run for the council seats," he explained. "What goes on in the mayor's office is important, but even more important is the composition of the full council."



► Halifax Chebucto MLA Howard Epstein, shown in this file photo, won't be running for mayor of HRM in 2012.



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# Court day for accused in first killing of 2012

► Aidan David Cromwell to appear in a Halifax courtroom today



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The 18-year-old man charged in HRM's first homicide of 2012 will appear in court on Monday.

Aidan David Cromwell is charged with second-degree murder and two counts of breach of recognition.

At 11:20 p.m. on Thursday, Halifax police were called to Alma Crescent in Fairview. They found 25-year-old Marc Bernard Tremblay of Halifax lying at the corner of Ashdale Avenue and Titus Street. He had been stabbed.

**18** The record number of homicides in HRM in 2011.

Paramedics pronounced him dead shortly after arriving on the scene.

Police scoured the area and a K-9 unit was called in to track for suspects, but no one was located.

A few hours later — at 2 a.m. on Friday — police arrested a man and woman at a residence on Evans Avenue and took them in for questioning.

The woman was released, but Cromwell was kept in custody and charged with murder later in the day.

## Herald newsroom votes to strike

Newsroom employees at the Chronicle Herald have voted in favour of strike action if management and the union can't agree on a new contract.

On Saturday, 74 out of 77 voting members of the Halifax Typographical Union voted in favour of strike action. At issue, according to union representative Steven Forest, is a proposal from management to drop starting salaries for reporters and photographers to around \$30,000.

"We care about not only our own salaries, but also the salaries of future employees at the paper. The work we do has value," Forest said. ● ALEX BOUTILIER



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# Dog run over multiple times in traffic survives

Angela Smith was heading across the MacKay Bridge into Dartmouth last week when she noticed a sudden disruption in the traffic flow.

"I assumed people were slowing down because of the heavy traffic, and there (were) a couple of transport trucks going uphill," the former Valley resident said of the goings on that Monday.

She then noticed that several vehicles appeared to be driving over something and, to her horror, realized it was a dog.

"When I stopped, I was stopping to move a dead dog off to the side, so I thought," Smith said. "I could clearly see from my car she was still breathing. I jumped out of my car, looked around and hoped people wouldn't start honk-



► Sasha

**"It's hard to be angry when you don't have a specific person to be angry towards."**

ANGELA SMITH THE MOTORISTS WHO RAN OVER THE DOG

at me because I was stopping rush-hour traffic."

Other drivers didn't honk. Nor did they offer assistance.

"No one really helped. I went to her and she didn't move. I grabbed a blanket out of my trunk, got her on it and into the back seat of my car. The race was on."

Smith eventually got the injured dog transported to the Dartmouth Vet Clinic, where it was treated for a badly fractured jaw, head trauma, an injured paw and tail, and various scrapes.

Despite not knowing who the dog belonged to and even after being told that vet bills could reach as high as \$2,500, Smith remained committed to dealing with the situation, all the while worrying about the dog's fate.

Sasha has since been reunited with her owner.

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## 48 charges laid in police housing search

Police in Halifax have arrested several people after searching five homes in relation to violent crimes.

They arrested seven men, ages 18 to 21, and a 16-year-old boy and have laid a total of 48 charges including attempted murder,

aggravated assault and robbery using a firearm.

RCMP officers searched homes on Charles Road, Sugar Maple Drive and Eisener Street in Timberlea, on St. Margaret's Bay Road in Lakeside, and on Carrington Place in Halifax.

Police say the searches were related to several ongoing cases, including a stabbing on Highfield Park

Drive in Dartmouth last year and an investigation into an attempted murder.

On Jan. 17, police were called to a home on Wendybrook Drive in Tantallon, where a 24-year-old man was found shot. The victim faced charges including cultivation of marijuana and possession for the purpose of trafficking after police seized 12 marijuana plants.

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► Students walk toward Citadel High School in this file photo.

# Future jobs prompt curriculum review

► Shipbuilding contract plays in decision: Education minister ► Opposition says plan lacks specifics

Nova Scotia will spend \$6.7 million over the next five years to review course curriculum and teacher certification in schools in an effort to better prepare students for the workforce.

The plan announced on Friday includes 39 initiatives aimed at strengthening classroom instruction and boosting math and trade skills in anticipation of future labour needs, including those expected to come with Halifax's \$25-billion contract to build the next fleet of navy ships.

Education Minister Ramona Jennex said the government plans to double the number of schools offering skilled-trades courses and would introduce a manufacturing course

linked to shipbuilding.

"This is one of the ways that we are responding to what students

are telling us they would like and also it's responding to the labour shortage around the shipbuilding," Jennex said.

The plan would also increase the number of schools offering a Grade 11 trades course from eight to 16, and a new math program would be introduced for all grades that is based on the curriculum used in Western provinces, where



► Jennex

testing scores are higher, Jennex said. She said teaching standards would also be improved to ensure teachers are better matched with their subjects of expertise.

The plan would also increase online education so students can learn in rural schools. The province intends to increase the number of students who have access to online courses from 500 to 1,500.

Liberal education critic Karen Casey expressed disappointment with the plan, saying it lacked specifics.

Conservative Leader Jamie Baillie called the plan "tinkering around the edges," saying more needed to be done to trim school board administration costs.

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# Crown drops charges in death of infant

## ► But RCMP still investigating case: Spokesperson

Charges have been withdrawn against two people in connection with the death of an eight-week-old baby.

Chris Hansen of the Nova Scotia Public Prosecution Service says the Crown dropped the charges against Candace Chetwynd of Port Hastings and Shawn MacIsaac of Waterville last Monday in Kentville provincial court.

Ethan Chetwynd died at the IWK Health Centre in Halifax two weeks after he suffered a cardiac arrest at a Kentville hospital on Jan. 4.

The 21-year-old Chetwynd and 26-year-old MacIsaac were charged with aggravated assault and failing to provide the necessities of life on Jan. 13.

RCMP spokesperson Sgt.

Brigit Leger says the previous charges no longer apply because they were laid before the baby died.

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### Autopsy review

Leger says the RCMP is now reviewing the results of the infant's autopsy and the investigation is ongoing.



► The NewPage mill in Point Tupper is shown in this file photo from last year.

## Union seeks pension money from mill

The union representing workers at an idled Cape Breton paper mill is seeking \$168.2-million US from its bankrupt parent company for benefits including severance and pensions.

The claim by the Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Local 972 against NewPage Port Hawkesbury was filed in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Delaware on Tuesday.

It's part of the U.S. Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings, where all claimants had to send by today a for-

mal notice of what they calculate they are owed.

Union spokesman Archie MacLachlan says the union doesn't have much hope of receiving a large sum at the end of the U.S. proceedings because there are other secured creditors ahead of the workers. But he says it is worth trying, adding that the same process will be conducted in Canadian courts under Canadian bankruptcy law.

NewPage's two paper machines in Point Tupper, N.S., have been shut down

since September, and Pacific West Commercial Corp. is in negotiations to buy the mill.

Prior to its shutdown, NewPage had been making special payments to fix the unfunded liability in company pension plans.

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**\$4M** The letter sent by the union says that since the mill has shut down, it has missed almost \$4 million in special payments.

### News in brief

#### 11 a.m. funeral for Cape Breton man

ST. MARY'S PARISH. A Cape Breton man murdered in



Jasper over a week ago, will be buried in his hometown of Mabou Monday. Kenzie John Beaton, 22, (shown above) was staying at a hotel with friends on Jan. 28 when he was stabbed following an early morning altercation. CAPE BRETON POST

#### Police nab armed-robbery suspect

DUE IN COURT MONDAY. Police say a 29-year-old man is facing charges after a Dartmouth Subway shop was robbed over the weekend. METRO

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## ETHICAL DEBATE

**Supreme Court to rule on HIV disclosure**

Canada's highest court is set to hear arguments over whether it's a crime for people with HIV to keep their condition from their sexual partners if the risk of transmission is low.

Supreme Court justices are to hear two cases Wednesday that hinge on the obligations

of those with the virus that causes AIDS.

Prosecutors argue people carrying HIV must always inform their partners regardless of the risks of transmission. That way, partners can decide if they want to run the risk of contracting the virus.

Advocates argue that such thinking criminalizes carriers of the virus and doesn't acknowledge the science that can determine the likelihood of transmission.

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**Skier recovers from avalanche**

A male skier is recovering from injuries after he and a female companion survived an avalanche in B.C.

The incident was on Saturday near Kimberley, B.C.

So far this season there have been five avalanche-related deaths in B.C.

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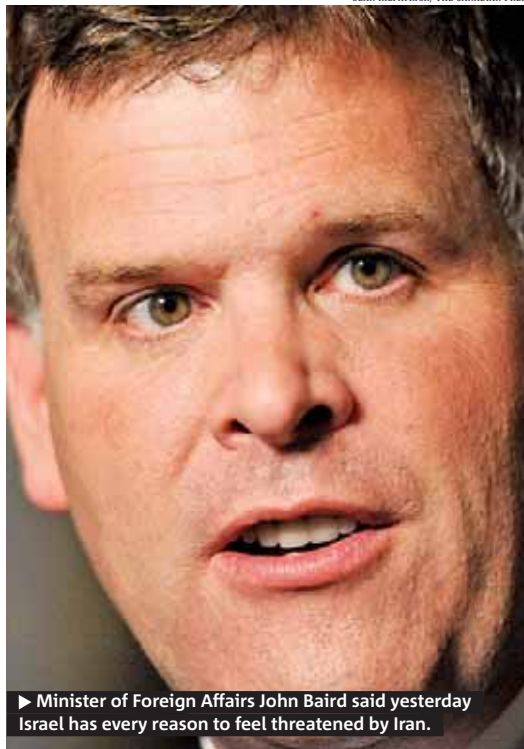
**Byelection for Layton's riding**

Stephen Harper has called a byelection in former NDP leader Jack Layton's riding for March 12. The news comes in a tweet from Harper's spokesman. The riding, located east of downtown Toronto, was known as a Liberal bastion until Layton's 1994 election.

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# Baird defends Israel's Iran fear

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► Minister of Foreign Affairs John Baird said yesterday Israel has every reason to feel threatened by Iran.

## ► Minister: Israel has a right to feel threatened ► Refers to Mein Kampf

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird invoked images of the Holocaust in defending the notion of possible Israeli military action against Iran.

Appearing on CTV's Question Period Sunday, he suggested the Jewish state has every right to feel threatened and pointed to recent comments by the Islamic republic's supreme leader, who vowed to remove a "cancer" from the Middle East.

Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, in a speech broadcast across Iran on Friday, also pledged to aid any nation or group that challenges Israel.

"Obviously you can understand why the Jewish people and why Israel would take him seriously," Baird said in an interview with the news program from Israel.

**Heated words**

Baird's comments added to the war of words over Iran's nuclear program.

► The deputy head of Iran's elite Revolutionary Guard, Hossein Salami, also warned that any country in the Middle East whose territory is used to launch a military strike will face retaliation.

► Salami was quoted as saying Tehran will use "retaliatory aggression" against neighbours if they aid in such an attack.

"Hitler wrote Mein Kampf more than a decade before he became Chancellor of Germany. And they take these issues pretty seriously here."

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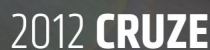
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## Anti-Putin song striking a chord

► Ex-Russian paratroopers write and perform catchy protest song ► Artists employ craft to build support

The most popular protest song in Moscow today comes from burly men in blue berets, unlikely heroes of a peaceful middle-class movement challenging the strongman rule of Vladimir Putin.

The simple but catchy song was performed at a protest rally for the first time this weekend, but many of the tens of thousands in the crowd already knew the words.

On a snowy square across a frozen river from the Kremlin, the protesters sang along with the chorus, which sums up their weariness with Putin as he in-

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**A video of the former paratroopers and three others performing the song lit up the Internet, getting more than one million views in the first few days.**

tends to extend his 12 years in power by winning a presidential election in March: "You're just like me, a man not a god. I'm just like you, a man not a sod."

The men were joined on the stage by some of Rus-

sia's most respected cultural figures who have played major roles in organizing the protests along with veteran politicians now in the opposition.

The former paratroopers' song is just one of the many musical, literary and artistic creations that have inspired and enlivened the protest movement that is still largely the reserve of erudite, urban Russians.

Mikhail Vistitsky, a 45-year-old veteran of the elite force, wrote the lyrics after attending one of the first big anti-Putin demonstrations in late December.

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**Protest. Site**



► Workers in protective gear remove tents, camping gear and debris left by Occupy DC protesters in McPherson Square, Washington, D.C., on Sunday.

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## Occupy DC forced to pack it in

Authorities say 11 people have been arrested in Washington's McPherson Square since park police began clearing away tents Saturday from one of the last remaining Occupy sites in the U.S.

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► People walk along an icy promenade past ice-covered cars and trees on the shores of Lake Geneva in Versoix, Switzerland, on Sunday.



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# It's a snow-go all over Europe

## State of emergency called after heavy snowfall

In Bosnia, more than 100 remote villages have been cut off by two metres of snow in the mountains. More than one metre fell in Sarajevo, the capital, where a state of emergency has been declared.

Three helicopters cruised over eastern Bosnia Sunday, delivering food and picking up people who needed evacuation. Sarajevo has been paralyzed since Friday evening and authorities have ordered all schools closed. Residents have volunteered to remove snow and ice from the trams that are stuck along the city's tracks.

**"The snow is beautiful, but let's hope spring comes soon."**

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In neighbouring Serbia, officials said 70,000 people remain cut off. So far, 32 municipalities throughout the country have introduced emergency measures, said senior emergency official Predrag Maric. Later Sunday, Serbia's emergency board was to meet to discuss the crisis.

In Montenegro, the north of the country remained cut off, although emergency crews have managed to clear some of

the blocked roads.

The situation also had improved somewhat in Croatia, where bus traffic toward the coast resumed, even as snow slowed traffic throughout the country. In the coastal town of Split, where authorities declared emergency measures, dozens of people sought medical help for injuries sustained on ice and snow. Snow is extremely rare in Split, which is on the Adriatic coast. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## QUEEN ELIZABETH II BRAVES COLD, SNOW AHEAD OF DIAMOND JUBILEE

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Queen Elizabeth II braved the cold and snow to attend church Sunday on the eve of her Diamond Jubilee anniversary.

Bundled in a brown coat and matching fur hat, Elizabeth was joined by her husband, Prince Philip, at the service at West Newton church on her Sandringham Estate in eastern England.

Following a service that lasted less than an hour, the queen took time to greet and accept flowers from well-wishers huddled in the freezing temperatures to catch a glimpse of her.

The 85-year-old monarch marks 60 years



► Queen Elizabeth II smiles as she leaves Sunday Service.

on the throne on Monday. The anniversary will be marked by a series of events throughout 2012.

Elizabeth ascended the throne when her father, George VI, died on Feb. 6, 1952. She is the longest-serving monarch after Queen Victoria, who ruled for more than 63 years.

Over the course of 2012, members of the royal family — including Prince William and his wife, the Duchess of Cambridge — will travel to Commonwealth countries including Canada, Jamaica and Belize in honour of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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# U.S. calls for coalition to end Syrian violence

► Russia, China veto UN-backed resolution to stop the bloodshed ► Rebels say only force will oust regime

The United States proposed an international coalition to support Syria's opposition Sunday after Russia and China blocked a UN attempt to end nearly 11 months of bloodshed, raising fears that violence will escalate. Rebel soldiers said force was now the only way to oust President Bashar Assad, while the regime vowed to press its military crackdown.

The threat of both sides turning to greater force after Russia and China vetoed a UN Security Council resolution raises the potential for Syria's turmoil to move into an even more dangerous new phase that could degenerate into civil war.

The uprising, inspired by other Arab Spring revolts,



► U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton

began in March with peaceful protests against Assad's regime, sparking a fierce crackdown by government forces. Soldiers who defected to join the uprising later began to protect protesters from attacks.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton warned that chances for "a brutal civil war" would increase as Syrians under attack from their government move to defend themselves, unless international steps provide another way.

Speaking to reporters in the Bulgarian capital Sofia, she called the double veto at the UN Security Council on Saturday "a travesty."

"Faced with a neutered Security Council, we have to redouble our efforts outside of the United Nations," she said, calling for friends of democratic Syria to "support the Syrian people's right to have a better future."

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## Saudi women challenge legality of driving ban

Saudi women leading a campaign against the kingdom's ban on female driving are calling on the courts to take up their lawsuits demanding the right to drive.

Manal al-Sherif said Sunday that she and another woman activist are urging judicial authorities to begin proceedings on complaints they lodged after being refused driver's licences.

Al-Sherif says she filed her suit in November and it was transferred to the Interior Ministry.

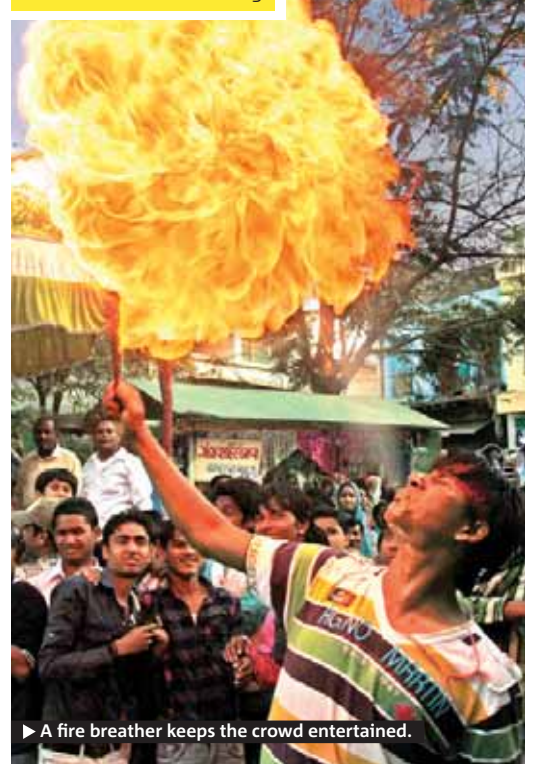
Al-Sherif was detained for nearly two weeks last year after posting an online video of herself driving. It helped launch wider protests.

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### Driven away

► No laws prohibit women from driving, but conservative religious edicts have banned it and officials comply.

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## A show like no other

An Indian Muslim youth displays his skill by blowing a ball of fire as others look on during a procession to celebrate Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi, or the birthday of Prophet Mohammed, in Ahmedabad, India, on Sunday.



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## Facebook looks to hacking culture in effort to innovate

► The term 'hacking', which dates back half a century, only took on negative connotations in the 1980s ► That outlook is now changing, tech experts say

Facebook's billionaire CEO Mark Zuckerberg calls himself a hacker.

For most people, that word means something malicious — shady criminals who listen in on voice mails, or anonymous villains who cripple websites and break into email accounts.

For Facebook, though, hacker means something different. It's an ideal that permeates the company's

culture. The hacker approach has made Facebook one of the world's most valuable Internet companies.

Hackers "believe that something can always be better, and that nothing is ever complete," Zuckerberg explains in an essay, *The Hacker Way*, included in Facebook's initial public offering, which is seeking \$5 billion US in investment.

"Symbolically, it doesn't bode well to Facebook and to potential investors," says

Robert D'Ovidio, an associate professor of criminal justice at Drexel University

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## Waterloo still stands behind RIM

The markets may be hitting Research in Motion hard after its most recent restructuring, but the community considered synonymous with the BlackBerry isn't letting bad news get it down.

RIM shares fell sharply after the company's recent announcement that co-CEOs Jim Balsillie and Mike Lazaridis were stepping down from their lead positions.

The shakeup followed a

bad year that included 2,000 in layoffs as RIM lost consumers to the iPhone and Android smartphones, as well as operational problems and public-relations gaffes.

That has left many wondering what RIM's seemingly cloudy future would mean for the region of Waterloo, which experienced a boom after becoming the go-to place for tech companies.

Business and community leaders, however, say the mood hasn't soured in the southwestern Ontario city, because the sector has now grown beyond simply one company. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



► Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg during a meeting in San Francisco last October.

who studies computer crime. "I think it shows maybe an immaturity on his part. He should definitely know better."

By using the word,

Zuckerberg, 27, is also trying to reclaim it. To him, Steve Jobs and the founders of many of the biggest technology companies were hackers. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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► Supermodel Adriana Lima stars in an ad for florist company Teleflora that was set to launch during Super Bowl XLVI. Millions had already viewed the ad online prior to the game.

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## Ads score big Bowl buzz

About 20 of the roughly 36 Super Bowl advertisers, eager to stand out during the big game, put their TV commercials online in the days leading up to Sunday's broadcast — a big break with tradition.

## Retailer takes stand against Caterpillar

Mark's Work Warehouse has pulled Caterpillar boots from its London, Ont., stores after the heavy-equipment giant shut down a local locomotive plant.

The chain says it is showing support for hundreds of workers who lost their jobs at the Electro-Motive.

The retailer announced the move on its Facebook page Saturday, a day after

U.S.-based Caterpillar revealed its plans to close the plant following a labour dispute.

Caterpillar said the cost structure at the London plant was unsustainable, even though the company reported a 58 per cent increase in its quarterly earnings with a record profit of nearly \$5 billion.

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bus drivers, ferry operators and support staff.

The contract between Metro Transit and the Amalgamated Transit Union expired Sept 1. There was just one face-to-face session — essentially a presentation of proposals — before the municipality applied for conciliation. That's unusual.

According to the union, HRM and its police and water-commission unions are still negotiating new contracts two and four years after the previous ones expired.

Whatever else one can say about the rights-wrongs of the current Metro Transit strike, it is clear HRM negotiators were never interested in negotiating with its 760

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**“Municipal negotiators twiddled their thumbs until 30 minutes before last Wednesday’s midnight strike deadline. Then they offered the union—which had a 98.4 per cent strike mandate—an either-or, take-it-or-leave-it offer.”**

rostering system — which allows senior drivers to pick their schedules first — for \$1 million in unbudgeted overtime. (A city report, however, acknowledges those cost overruns include covering for vacancies, sick leave, holidays and special events, and represent only one factor in Metro Transit’s \$3-million deficit.)

The drivers say they need rostering because of the split-shift nature of their jobs.

A driver, who is required to report for work at the transit garage 15 minutes before a 6 a.m. shift, drives for four hours and may find herself ending her shift far from the transit garage — and her car. She then has four hours to kill before beginning her 2 p.m. shift somewhere else. An eight-hour day suddenly becomes more than 12.

Surely, there are ways to make the rostering system more efficient for Metro Transit without eliminating its obvious lifestyle benefits for longtime drivers.

But in order to accomplish that, the two sides would have to talk.

There’s no sign that will happen soon.

And no sign either of leadership from city hall to make that happen.

## Antique sale will take a little off a family’s plate

### NEWS WORTH SHARING

Media will always have to report on the tough stuff. But we know that Canada is full of compassionate individuals, inspiring projects and stories worth celebrating. Here’s just one.

Most of us have a lot on our plate. Ed McKay, whose family has overcome many obstacles, actually hopes to have a lot on his plates ... and his cups and his collectibles.

That’s because McKay is pairing his love for antiques with a cause that’s close to his family.

When his grandson, Spencer, was born, McKay and his family were told

he wasn’t going to make it. Spencer is now 14 years old, with a fund in his name for the families of children undergoing treatment at the IWK Health Centre in Halifax.

For many years, McKay has been collecting antique cups and plates. Now he’s selling them on eBay and donating the proceeds to Spencer’s fund.

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## Holding on for dear life

### Riders literally dragged by horse

**SWITZERLAND.** First-place rider Fadri Casty, pulled by Bergonzi, centre, competes during the Skijoring Grand Prix Credit Suisse race on the frozen Lake of St. Moritz, during the first weekend of White Turf races in St. Moritz on Sunday.

The unique race, which combines skiing and horse racing, has been an annual event in the town since 1906. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

### Taking the sport to the lake

**TRADITIONAL.** The weekend also includes the Grand Prix American Airlines — a more traditional horse race, if you can call riding horses on a frozen lake traditional.

The participants ride nearly 2,000 metres across the snow and ice, which gives the annual races the name White Turf. The racing wraps up Feb. 19. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



# A different kind of rom-com

► Canadian indie director parlayes web donations into rom-zom-com *A Little Bit Zombie*

It was in 2006 that Thunder Bay, Ont.-native Casey Walker set out to make his first feature film and won over the web with his pitch to shoot an "unromantic comedy" for a million bucks.

A lot can change in five-plus years, including the idea for your film, and how much it'll cost to make it.

Walker eventually changed gears and decided to make his debut film a "rom-zom-com" called *A Little Bit Zombie*, which is getting its world premiere this weekend at the Victoria Film Festival. And while he initially nicknamed the project "my million dollar movie," it ended up costing just about double that.

The journey to create his first film actually dates back at least 10 years or so, when he started working on a script for his big-screen debut with another writer.

"We quickly discovered you can't make a movie in this country unless you've made a movie," said Walker.

Years later, inspired by a student's online campaign that collected donations to pay for his tuition, Walker set up mymilliondollar.com, asking for \$10 pledges to help fund his movie.

The website was a hit, made international headlines and gave Walker the push he needed to seriously pursue the film — even if the campaign didn't pay for



► Director Casey Walker, right, talks with cast and crew on the set of *A Little Bit Zombie*.

it entirely.

"We tried to raise a million dollars, that was the goal," he said.

"But we got \$85,000 online, I put in personally another \$275,000 and the rest came from tax credits and the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation," based on plans to shoot the film in Sudbury, Ont.

Walker went with the zombie theme after meeting with Christopher Bond (co-creator of *Evil Dead*, *The Musical*) and Trevor Mar-

## Viewing

For those not in Victoria this weekend, *A Little Bit Zombie* is set to air on Movie Central and TMN (likely in the lead-up to Halloween) and before that it'll hit some theatres.

tin, who would become the writers for *A Little Bit Zombie*.

Kristopher Turner (*The L.A. Complex*, *Instant Star*) stars as mild-mannered

nice guy Steve, who is engaged to raging bridezilla Tina, played by Crystal Lowe (*Hot Tub Time Machine*, *Final Destination 3*, *Smallville*). They're spending a weekend away in a country cabin when things start getting strange, shortly after Steve gets bitten by a mosquito.

That mosquito had just finished feasting on a zombie's blood before getting to Steve.

"The (writers) told me the one-sentence idea of

what happens when a guy gets bitten by a zombie mosquito: he becomes a little bit zombie," said Walker, adding that the film is a fusion of multiple genres and not aimed at one demographic.

"We went for a broad audience ... this is a movie that if you don't love zombie movies, you're going to love, and if you love zombie movies you're going to love it. There's something there for everyone," he said.

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## Box office



Some unknown kids with superpowers have nudged out the world's most famous teen wizard at the weekend box office. *Chronicle*, featuring a relatively unknown cast as youths who gain telekinetic abilities, debuted as the No. 1 movie with \$22 million. It edged out Harry Potter star Daniel Radcliffe's *The Woman in Black*.

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# Blazing a trail in Hollywood

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► Actress Pam Grier built career on portraying slew of fearless females ► Blames marginalized audiences, brands for lack of African-American movie roles

Film star Pam Grier says there's still a lack of opportunities for African-American actors in Hollywood and it's partly due to marginalized audiences.

Film investors are looking to make the widest profit margins possible and build upon "brands"

(such as actors or franchises) that can "keep the industry going," explains the Foxy Brown screen siren.

And if they do invest in a marginalized brand, the budget will likely be small and sometimes the target audience won't even support it, she said.

"We have conservative African-Americans who will not see certain films, will only see Tyler Perry but will not see Spike Lee," Grier, 62, said in an interview ahead of her appearance at the Canadian Film Centre's celebration of Black History Month in Toronto.

"I know a lot of African-American women that didn't want to see *The Help* because they had lived it as little girls.... It brought back horrible memories and they couldn't see it, nor will they read the book."

Grier, of course, has helped blaze a trail for African-American women in Hollywood by portraying a slew of fearless female characters, from the voluptuous villain hunter in *Foxy Brown*, to the private detective in *Sheba, Baby*, to the vigilante in *Coffy*. In 1998, she was nominated for the best-actress Golden Globe for playing a fierce flight attendant in *Jackie Brown* — a role Quentin Tarantino wrote with Grier in mind.

Though she's often referred to as an icon of the '70s classic blaxploitation films, Grier isn't comfortable with the title.



► Pam Grier

**"It was just basically a moniker that described a black action film."**

PAM GRIER, ON HER STATUS AS AN ICON OF BLAXPLOITATION FILMS

"There were several films done before me by male actors — Fred Williamson, Jim Brown, Isaac Hayes — a lot of black, male-lead films. But when I stepped into the role, now it's 'exploitation.'"

Grier began her empowering career path on the big screen after a lifetime of abuse, she said, noting she was raped twice.

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## Memoir

Grier runs down her life story in her 2010 memoir, *Foxy: My Life in Three Acts*, which she says is now being adapted for the big screen.

► The book dishes on everything from the men she's dated — including Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Freddie Prinze Sr. and Richard Pryor — to her job as a receptionist at the American International Pictures Company.

► These days, Grier lives on a farm in Colorado, where

she lets impoverished children ride her four horses for free. She and her sister also knit hats for U.S. military soldiers to wear under their helmets and for chemotherapy patients.

► Grier battled cervical cancer at age 39 and the battle forced her to take a break from acting. It sent her on a life-long journey for alternative and holistic therapies, including Chinese medicine and herbs. Now, she's physically, spiritually and mentally a different person who's found her yin and yang, she said.

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# Radcliffe says he'll steer clear of Butterbeers

- ▶ 22-year-old Daniel Radcliffe has already decided to give up drinking
- ▶ Says breaking point came while working on the last Harry Potter films

Now that he's done being Harry Potter, Daniel Radcliffe is coming clean about wizarding under the influence.

"I can honestly say I never drank at work on Harry Potter. I went into work still drunk, but I never drank at work. I can point to many scenes where I'm just gone. Dead

behind the eyes," Radcliffe says in an interview with Heat magazine.

"I have a very addictive personality. It was a problem. People with problems like that are very adept at hiding it. It was bad. I don't want to go into details, but I drank a lot and it was daily — I mean nightly."

We're happy to hear that Radcliffe, wise young man that he is, has since sobered up — allowing us to devise Harry Potter drinking games with a clear conscience.

Our personal golden snitch: A shot of him getting queasy on a broomstick and/or slurring his way through Parsel-

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► One boy from the '80s adventure flick The Goonies was openly made fun of because of his weight, and even had the nickname Chunk.

# Is it OK to call a fat kid fat?

► Maybe, if it prevents obesity later, says our Mommyish writer

A new study refutes the link between childhood obesity and junk food in schools. The epidemic, it says, is rooted closer to home than we thought. And with one in three kids overweight or obese (in the U.S., at least), it can't just be blamed on a few negligent parents. Well-meaning moms and dads are part of the problem, too.

That's because, in an attempt to bolster their kids

self-esteem by avoiding fat-talk, many have become too afraid to speak plainly and frankly about what is and isn't a healthy body weight.

But putting blinders on isn't going to make the problem go away — or make kids feel any better.

Dr. David Katz of the MindStream Academy in South Carolina, a health and wellness boarding school, has an opinion shared by many: "Never

send your kids the message that they need to lose weight, get thinner, drop pounds, look better, etc.," he said, "If you do, they'll still develop unhealthy attitudes even if you never so much as utter the d-word. Instead, always frame your message

in terms of your kids feeling better about themselves, having more energy, becoming healthier and happier. These are sustainable goals that won't damage your child's self-esteem."

As someone who was overweight as a kid (I even

wrote about how I wished my parents had put me on a diet when I was young), I can attest to the fact that if my parents hadn't been afraid of hurting my feelings and talked to me honestly about weight loss, I'm fairly sure I would have been better off. Their frankness about my health would have been a lot easier to bear than the teasing of kids and the angry voices in my own head about my body.

That's the tricky part: Kids may not tell you that they feel terrible about their body because they're overweight. But the truth

is that few overweight or obese kids are unaware that they're bigger than their peers.

Here's a stat worth remembering: 75 per cent of parents ignore or don't realize that their overweight kids are getting made fun of, and feel bad about themselves, according to Strong4Life, an anti-obesity organization.

I assure you, being the fat kid in class is worse than your mother telling you that fruit is a better snack choice than chips.

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## Fitness tax credit



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# Dip into the water

► If you're looking for a bit of extra crunch with your fish, try using cornmeal ► Serve dish with salad greens

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### Preparation:

- 1 In large, shallow dish combine cornmeal, dill, Parmesan, salt, pepper and cayenne pepper; set aside.
- 2 Pat fish fillets dry using paper towels. Dip each into egg, letting excess drip off. Dip into cornmeal mix, turning to coat both sides.
- 3 In non-stick skillet heat oil over medium-high heat. Cook fish fillets 3 mins. Using spatula care-

### Cornmeal-Crusted Fish



► This recipe serves four.

fully turn fillets and cook for another 3 mins. or until the fish flakes easily and cornmeal is golden. **EMILY RICHARDS (EMILY**

**IS A PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR AND A TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE, VISIT EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA.)**

### Ingredients:

- 1 cup (250 mL) cornmeal
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) chopped fresh dill or 2 tsp (10 mL) dried dill weed
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) grated

- Parmesan cheese
- ¼ tsp (1 mL) each salt and pepper
- Pinch cayenne
- 4 fresh catfish, cod, sole or tilapia fillets
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) canola oil

# IT'S TIME TO TOSS THE USE OF GARBAGE BAGS

What's the eco-friendliest garbage bag option? *Amber of Vancouver*

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Do break the bad habit of reusing plastic shopping bags for your garbage. I'm a big fan of reusing, but in this case, plastic shopping bags should be recycled and kept out of landfills.

Plastic shopping bags turned garbage liners skyrocketed when our cupboards were overflowing — and they were a menace. Many Canadians have



► It may sound crazy, but you don't actually need to use garbage bags.

switched to reusable cloth bags for their shopping. Then they ask, "What will I use for my garbage?"

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# Canine made a career out of kindness

► How a playful puppy found his calling in caring for others and taught humans a lesson in unconditional love

## TURNING POINT

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When Charmaine Hammond and her husband, Chris, adopted Toby, a five-year-old retriever, they had no idea they had acquired a four-legged demolition dog with separation issues.

After their home was repeatedly ripped apart it was determined that Toby needed a job. Charmaine enrolled him in pet therapy training and it became a turning point for Toby as he began ministering love and companionship to people



► Corporate trainer, speaker and best-selling author Charmaine Hammond with her award-winning pet therapy dog, Toby.

pose. For five years Toby faithfully had found his purpose.

**"Toby impacted people around the world and his mission is so important that we must continue it."**

MARY MORASSUTTI

fully looked after Charmaine and Chris, ministered to his patients and visited 10,000 school children to promote literacy and kindness. Charmaine wrote a book about her adventures with Toby and it's currently in development in Hollywood to be turned into a movie.

Last December, Toby passed away peacefully, but in his memory Charmaine is launching a new

initiative to coincide with February Random Acts of Kindness month.

"Toby impacted people around the world and his mission is so important that we must continue it."

Toby's Global Kindness Mission will launch on February 14th — the day of love.

How fitting for a determined dog that left an indelible paw print on so many hearts.

### Lessons I learned from Toby

Charmaine Hammond shares her thoughts on a dynamic dog

- **Perseverance and Commitment.** Toby never gave up.
  - **Hope.** In the most difficult of days hope carries you through.
  - **The power of kindness.** I would watch Toby connect with people and it was such a beautiful, deep sharing of kindness.
  - **Unconditional acceptance.** He never judged, and always accepted people for who they were and where they were at that moment.
- To find out more about Toby's Global Kindness Mission, go to [ontobystems.com](http://ontobystems.com).

# Cutting edge in the classroom

► Author Milton Chen explores modern innovations that are shaking up the education system

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For more than a decade, Milton Chen was the executive director of the George Lucas Educational Foundation. The foundation's flagship website, Edutopia.org,

represents Lucas' vision for classrooms of the future.

Chen's new book, *Education Nation: Six Leading Edges of Innovation in Our Schools*, highlights the technologies and theories Chen views as transformative possibilities for a better, more equitable

education system in the U.S.

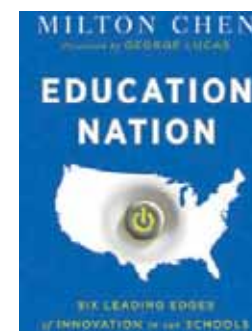
"In every urban district in every state there are these severe inequalities. That is historic. It's based on the way in which schools are funded, and the ability of suburban schools to build a much greater economic base," says Chen.

"But I think part of the hope for this new age of learning is that technologies can help reduce those inequalities."

Before taking the lead at GLEF, Chen was a pioneer in educational television, working as a research specialist for Sesame Street.

He compares much of the current backlash against new classroom technologies to the debate over educational television he witnessed in the '70s and '80s.

"Sesame Street changed our view of how early kids can learn. Suddenly, kids were coming to school already knowing their letters and numbers."



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► The New York Giants celebrate in front of New England Patriots QB Tom Brady after winning the Super Bowl in Indianapolis on Sunday night

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# Eli shows he's elite in Giants' Super Bowl win

- New York wins title on last-minute Bradshaw TD
- Patriots come up short in big game vs. Giants again

Take that, Brady. You too, Peyton.

Eli Manning is the big man in the NFL after one-upping Tom Brady and leading the New York Giants to a 21-17 victory over the New England Patriots in Sunday's Super Bowl — in older brother Peyton's house, at that.

Just as Manning did four years ago when the Giants ruined New England's perfect season, he guided them 88 yards to the decisive touchdown, which the Patriots didn't contest as Ahmad Bradshaw ran six yards with 57 seconds left.

Patriots coach Bill Belichick reasoned the Giants would run the clock down and kick a short field goal, so he gambled by allowing the six points.

The gamble failed. And now Manning not only has stamped himself as the elite quarterback he



claimed to be when the season began — in the same class as Brady — he's beaten the Patriots in two thrilling Super Bowls. The Giants now own the football world, and Manning owns two Super Bowl MVP awards, the same number as Brady.

"It's been a wild game, a wild season," Manning said. "This isn't about one person. It's about one team, a team coming together."



**"This is such a wonderful thing, these guys carving their own history."**

GIANTS HEAD COACH TOM COUGHLIN

Manning was clutch on the winning drive. He completed five passes, including a sensational 38-yard sideline catch by Mario Manningham to open the drive.

On second down at the Patriots six, with one timeout remaining, Belichick had his defence stand up as Bradshaw took the handoff. Bradshaw thought about stopping short of the end



► Eli Manning celebrates a first-quarter TD.

## 16

**Tom Brady broke the Super Bowl record for consecutive completions, previously held by his idol Joe Montana. The Patriots QB threw his 16th straight completion with a 12-yard TD pass to Aaron Hernandez to open the second half.**



► Tom Brady reacts to throwing an interception.

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zone, then tumbled in untouched.

"I was yelling to him, 'Don't score, don't score,'" Manning said. "He tried to stop, but he fell into the end zone."

Brady couldn't answer in the final 57 seconds. His desperation end-zone pass on the final play fell just beyond the grasp of All-Pro tight end Rob Gronkowski.

"We were in the lead for

a good part of the game. We just came up a couple of plays short," Belichick said. "You don't feel good after you lose this game."

Brady headed off with his head bowed, holding his helmet, while around him was the wild celebration by the Giants, NFL champions for the eighth — and perhaps most unlikely — time.

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# Herd must 'get back to the basics'

- Moose drop to 4-6-1 in 11 games since start of January after weekend split
- Face three QMJHL powerhouses in four games in five days in Quebec



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This isn't how the Halifax Mooseheads wanted to go into perhaps their toughest road trip of the season.

The Mooseheads got smacked around in their own building on Saturday night, turning in a disappointing effort in a 5-1 loss to the Bathurst Titan before a crowd of 7,834 at the Metro Centre.

The loss sends them into a four-games-in-five-nights stretch in Quebec starting Wednesday that features stops against President's

Cup contenders Chicoutimi, Shawinigan and Victoriaville.

"We've got to get back to competing every night and come to the building wanting to win," said Mooseheads captain Cameron Critchlow. "We need to get back to that, get back to our game, get back to the basics, and we'll have success."

The Mooseheads beat the Moncton Wildcats 5-3 on Friday, but benefited from some lucky bounces to get the win, including the winner from Jonathan Drouin off an attempted pass.

But the Titan — who played more than half the game without QMJHL goal-scoring leader Zach O'Brien because of a broken nose — stuck it to Halifax with an abrasive physical game and an opportunistic offence that capitalized on the Mooseheads' mistakes.

Defenceman Travis Randell said his team "didn't bring it" and that it can't happen again.

"With our game, if we play simple and we play smart and we play hard, we've got tons of skill to follow it up with," Randell said. "That's when our skill comes out, with hard

work."

The Mooseheads, eighth overall in the QMJHL, are six games over .500 at 28-17-5, but they've been plagued by inconsistency in the new year and are just 4-6-1 since the start of January.

They're also 4-7-1 against teams with more points than them this season.

"Most of those teams (on the road trip) are making a push to win a championship this year, and we're in their barns, and those are tough buildings to play in," Randell said. "We have to keep it simple and play hard, play our game."



► Rookie centre Nathan MacKinnon had a role in four of the Mooseheads' six weekend goals. At 61 points, he sits tied with Etienne Drapeau for the franchise record for points by a 16-year-old.

## Sports in brief

### Jones wins N.S. senior title

**CURLING.** Two-time women's curling champion Colleen Jones won her second straight Nova Scotia senior championship on Sunday at the Halifax Curling Club. The Mayflower skip edged 2009 world senior women's champ Colleen Pinkney 6-4 in the final.

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### Dal's playoff chances alive

**AUS HOCKEY.** The Dalhousie Tigers knocked off the first-place UNB Varsity Reds 3-2 in a shootout on

Saturday night to stay within a point of the final Atlantic University Sport men's hockey playoff spot. The Tigers (7-15-3) are closing in on the St. Francis Xavier X-Men, who they face twice in their final three games. Second-place Saint Mary's (17-7-2) won two weekend games and are a point out of first.

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### Kebs steal 2nd from Rainmen

**NBL CANADA.** The Halifax Rainmen sit in third in the National Basketball League of Canada standings after their fourth loss in five games on Friday. Halifax (17-10) lost 103-80 to the host Quebec Kebs, who moved into second spot with an 18-10 record. ● METRO

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# Thomas downs Washington, again

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## ► Goalie makes less political return to D.C. ► Bruins beat Capitals 4-1

Tim Thomas' return to the U.S. capital was less political and more successful, with the goaltender making 35 saves Sunday in the Boston Bruins' 4-1 win over the Washington Capitals.

Playing about 10 blocks from the White House — a place he famously avoided

two weeks ago — Thomas carried a shutout deep into the third period Sunday as the Boston Bruins snapped a two-game losing streak.

Thomas' no-show, accompanied by a Facebook post about a federal government that he said was "out of control," overshadowed

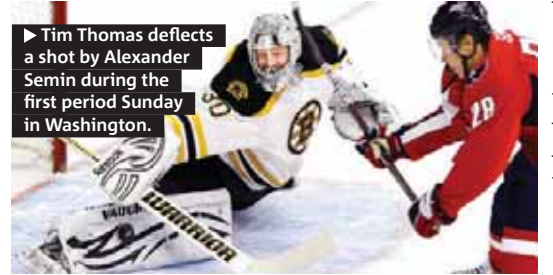
his teammates' day of celebration when the reigning Stanley Cup champions were honoured by President Barack Obama on Jan. 23. He didn't play the next day, when the Bruins lost 5-3 to the Capitals.

But last year's Vezina Trophy winner and playoff

MVP was in fine form for a Super Bowl Sunday matinee, the first time all season he's played on back-to-back days. Among his saves was a quick reflex stop against Alex Ovechkin when the Capitals forward had an open look after a rebound.

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► Tim Thomas deflects a shot by Alexander Semin during the first period Sunday in Washington.



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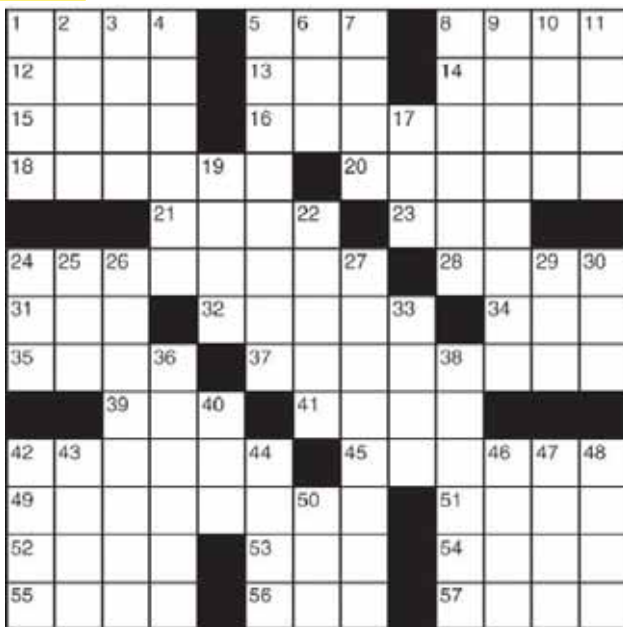
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### Across

- 1 Player of old 45s  
5 Small barrel  
8 Rotate  
12 Thing  
13 Romano or Liotta  
14 Choir voice  
15 Wound cover  
16 Incoming flights  
18 Horror movie reaction  
20 With uniformity  
21 Boast  
23 Big laugh  
24 In handcuffs, maybe  
28 Tower city of Italy  
31 Debt letters  
32 Gin and —  
34 Convent person  
35 Give temporarily  
37 Set up  
39 Neighbour of Kan.  
41 Architect Saarinen  
42 Short coat  
45 OPEC, for one  
49 Over-bearingly proud  
51 Bamako's land  
52 Warm and cozy  
53 Hair salon application  
54 "Woe is me!"  
55 Enlivens, with "up"  
56 Pigpen  
57 Period after Mardi Gras

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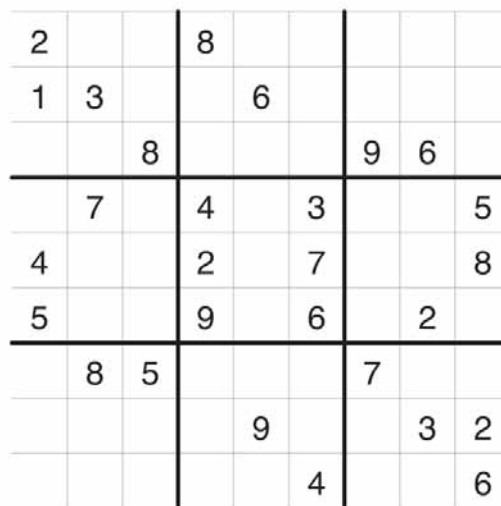
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2 Need to scratch  
3 "— Factor"  
4 Drink to excess  
5 Indo-nesian volcano  
6 Listening organ  
7 Move in a spiral  
8 Prepare for a big purchase  
9 Recent fad  
10 "— have to do"  
11 Inquisitive  
17 Wall climber  
19 Formerly, formerly  
22 Literary category  
24 Have a bug  
25 Fish eggs  
26 Second-place contestant  
27 Without detouring  
29 Take to court  
30 Moreover  
33 Irene of "Fame"



### ► Friday's answer



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### Friday's answer ►

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2	1	6	3	5	4	7	9	8
6	9	1	2	7	3	8	4	5
7	2	4	8	6	5	3	1	9
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*Sorry for everything I tried million times to say sorry, i just can't help my imaginations. I dreamed come over to you again and again. Very sorry for myself and for your for everything i did so stupid. I mixed up the person and the things always. sorry and i swear never bother you intent to call you text you anymore ok.*

FROM I SHOULD KNOW

*suga is this more than you bargined for yet.....isnt it messed how im just dying to meet him. Drop a heart,, break a name.*

FROM SOUR

*ZANDAN love is kind ,, started of this year and i didnt think i be falling for you now,,, <3<3*

FROM LORI

## Today's horoscope

### ♈ Aries March 21-April 20

Someone you usually get along with will be a bit of a pain today, and maybe tomorrow too.

### ♉ Taurus April 21-May 21

If you reach for something too quickly today you may find that it slips from your grasp.

### ♊ Gemini May 22-June 21

You may have to sacrifice your own needs today as a partner or loved one demands that you spend more time with them.

### ♋ Cancer June 22-July 22

You may find that family and friends are no longer as supportive as they once were but it's no big deal so don't get excited.

### ♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23

It may seem as if certain people have got it in for you but have they really or is it your mind playing tricks on you?

### ♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22

It's hard not to be suspicious, especially when all the evidence suggests that a colleague is trying to get ahead at your expense.

### ♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23

If you want someone to follow your instructions today you will have to use charm rather than coercion.

### ♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Take care that in trying to find a solution to one problem you don't

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### ♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21

You are in a generous mood and will do almost anything for almost anyone who needs your help.

### ♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20

The full moon will pull you in different directions over the next 48 hours.

### ♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18

You will be somewhat impulsive today and tomorrow, especially where affairs of the heart are concerned.

### ♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

Someone in authority will flex their muscles today.

• SALLY BROMPTON

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